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The Honorable Ajit Pai Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Pai,

I write to you on behalf of LCMC Health in support of its application for the FCC COVID-19 Telehealth Program. This FCC program will help health care providers across the nation battling this pandemic reach patients in need. As such, I believe LCMC Health's application for its Adult Connected Care Services Program should be considered as a candidate for the program.

The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted the communities serviced by LCMC Health. To address this rapidly changing environment, LCMC Health's four adult hospitals have adopted a three-pronged approach to reach at-risk patients – the COVID-19 Patient Screening Hotline, on demand and scheduled virtual visits, and remote patient monitoring with connected care devices. Funding from the telehealth program would allow LCMC to expand and improve the Adult Connected Care Services Program through enhanced technology. With some of the highest rates of COVID-19 cases and fatalities in the nation, LCMC Health's service area would greatly benefit from this investment.

Knowing funds are limited and proposals are reviewed through a competitive process, I am respectfully asking for full and fair consideration within the applicable laws and regulations. I would appreciate your keeping me informed of the progress or outcome of the application.

If you have any questions, please contact me through Pam Marphis in my Metairie District office at Pam.Marphis@mail.house.gov or (504) 837-1259. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Steve Scalise

Member of Congress